

Dropout Rate Displayed on NSSRS Verification Report

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The 2010-2011 Dropout Rate will display on the Dropouts report in NSSRS Validation/Verification Reports/Student under Enrollment. Don't forget you'll have to change year to 2011-06-30 to see this report. This data is normally available on the State of the Schools Report but the report has not yet been updated and school districts are requesting this data. NDE plans to provide a public report for this data later this year.

Reporting 12th Graders in Student Summary Attendance vs. CDC

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The Helpdesk continues to get questions regarding how to report 12th grade students who leave a week early. When reporting student on the NSSRS Student Summary Attendance (SSA) template you need to report the students' days in attendance accurately. In the CDC Days in Session collection, districts need to report the number of days that applies to the **majority** of the students in that grade.

For example: The 12th grade graduating class attends 165 days, there are 5 students in 12th grade who are graduating and will attend school for 170 days.

CDC Days in Session = 165

SSA Days Absent + Days Present will = 165 for most of the class, for some it will equal 170

NSSRS: 2012-2013 Student Instructions Update

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The 2012-2013 Student Template Instructions document has been updated and is available on the NSSRS Resources page (<http://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs/Resources.html>). An additional valid value was added to the Student Grades template, Course Delivery Model [Student Grades:Course Delivery Model (42)]. Note that this change only affects the 2012-2013 instructions.

Nebraska Career Education (NCE) - Perkins Accountability Changes

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Identifying CTE Concentrators and CTE Programs of Study

Nebraska Career Education (NCE) is nearing the end of a multi-year process aimed at eliminating, revising, and creating new CTE courses and course-base standards. These new courses and course-based standards have been/are being used to update and develop revised State Model Programs of Study (POS) for all six (6) career fields with the goal of more closely aligning CTE course content to industry expectations. This process has important implications at the district-level for federal Perkins accountability, including the identification and submission of CTE participation information (i.e. CTE Concentrators and Participants) as well as the recognition of state approved CTE Programs of Study offered by school districts.

- Effective immediately, CTE Concentrators shall be identified using the relaxed standard of three (3) credits or more in a single CTE cluster area.
 - As a resource, see the "[Crosswalk Cluster to NDE Course Codes](#)" document.

- Beginning with the cohort of students exiting secondary education during the 2016-2017 academic year, CTE Concentrators shall be identified using the more rigorous standard involving the revised State Model POS course sequences (to be finalized and released during the summer of 2012).
- Effective immediately, identification of district-offered POS will be extracted “in-house” from the NSSRS system using both the initial and revised course sequences through the 2012-2013 academic year. Beginning with the 2013-2014 academic year, only the revised POS course sequences will be used to extract district POS offerings.
 - As a resource, see the [initial](#) and [revised](#) State Model POS course sequence documents.

The following link provides essential details concerning Perkins accountability changes:

<http://www.education.ne.gov/nce/Accountability/Secondary/PDFs/POSMemo.pdf>.

Click here to access the updated document “Secondary Perkins Data Manual”:

<http://www.education.ne.gov/NCE/Accountability/Secondary/PDFs/SecondaryPerkinsManual.pdf>

National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) StudentTracker

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NSC StudentTracker Data Now in NSSRS for all Public Districts

The National Student Clearinghouse, a nonprofit organization, is a trusted source for postsecondary and secondary student degree, diploma, and enrollment verification. This resource has been used to support data matching and follow-up requirements for state and federal reporting in addition to tracking and assessing the educational achievement of former students. More than 3,300 colleges and universities, enrolling over 96% of all students in public and private U.S. institutions, participate in the Clearinghouse. These institutions permit the Clearinghouse to make their information available, in full compliance with **FERPA**, to educational organizations, such as outreach programs, for the betterment of education.

The Nebraska Department of Education has entered into a state-level agreement that provides free access for all public schools in Nebraska to StudentTracker information. In the past, in order to access StudentTracker information, districts were required to enter into an agreement directly with the National Student Clearinghouse. Now, the Nebraska Department of Education provides StudentTracker information directly to school districts via the NDE portal.

To access your district’s information, enter the NSSRS Validation section of the NDE portal. Next, locate the “Data Downloads” tab in the blue options ribbon at the top of the page. Beneath the “Data Downloads” tab, you will find the “Student Clearinghouse” option. Selecting the “Student Clearinghouse” option provides links to Excel data file(s) which contain the student match information from the National Student Clearinghouse StudentTracker for your school district. The year represented by the link indicates the academic year in which the students contained in the file graduated with a diploma (only students graduating early or on-time are included in the file). Details explaining the data elements included in the Excel file(s) is also provided. At the bottom of the page you will find an overview of the National Student Clearinghouse, the StudentTracker system, as well as external links for more information.